

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 94-051-W - ORDER NO. 94-109 ✓  
FEBRUARY 3, 1994

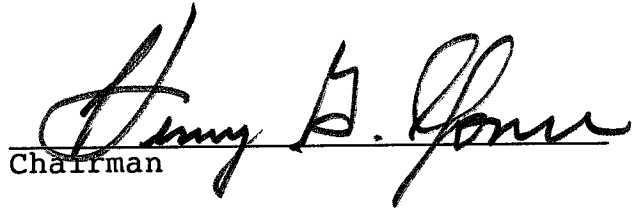
IN RE: Complaint of Customers of Gauley Falls ) ORDER  
Water System. ) GRANTING  
 ) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the letter of Marvin Short, Esquire, Attorney for ten (10) families living in the Gauley Falls area of Pickens County, South Carolina. Short states that there is a Gauley Falls Water System in existence whose ownership cannot be determined. Short notes that at various times, Ray Haskett and Piedmont Water Company have owned the system. However, at this time ownership, and therefore, responsibility for problems with the system cannot be determined. Short therefore requests that this Commission hold a hearing into the problems connected with the ownership of the Gauley Falls Water System, and to determine the actual owner of the system, so that the residents may know who to consult in case of problems with their water service. Short, also requests that this Commission look into various problems associated with the system.

The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the residents of Gauley Falls have the right to have this Commission determine who owns the water system serving them, and to

participate in a hearing concerning the various problems that may be related to the system. Therefore, the Commission believes that a hearing should be held. The Commission further believes that, as a part of this hearing, Ray Haskett and Piedmont Water Company should show cause to the Commission as to why they should not be declared to be the owners of the Gauley Falls Water System, and why the system should not be declared to be a regulated water utility, since a number of the residents have apparently paid tap fees. The Commission Staff shall set an appropriate time for a hearing in this matter. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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